**How To Catch Snook**

**EQUIPMENT**

1. 7' MEDIUM ACTION ROD.

2. SPINNING REEL WITH 8-10 # TEST MONOFILAMENT.

3. 2 1/2 - 3 FT. OF 30# TEST MONOFILAMENT LEADER TIED DIRECTLY TO YOUR 8-10# TEST LINE USING A SURGEON'S OR UNI TO UNI KNOT (SEE KNOTS)

4. ALWAYS SET YOUR DRAG BEFORE CASTING

**AREAS TO FISH**

1. MID MAY THROUGH AUGUST, LOOK AT ALL THE PASSES WITH GOOD MOVING WATER WITH DEEP TROUGHS ADJACENT TO THE BEACH.

2. ALWAYS LOOK AT FISHING THE LIGHTED DOCKS AT NIGHT. A GOOD DOCK IS ONE WITH A LIGHT NEAR THE WATER AND GOOD WATER MOVEMENT.

3. IF YOU FISH THE DOCKS AT NIGHT, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND DON'T MAKE NOISE OR DISTURB THE OWNER'S PROPERTY.

4. ALWAYS FISH NEAR MANGROVES ESPECIALLY WITH GOOD MOVING WATER NEAR CHANNELS.

5. BRIDGES ARE ONE OF THE BEST PLACES.

**6. USE THIS CHART (TIDES AND MOON PHASES). BELIEVE ME IT WORKS.**
BAITS

LIVE BAITS

1. LIVE SHRIMP: HOOK THE SHRIMP UNDER THE "HORN" WITH A 2/0 HOOK ATTACHED TO 30 # TEST MONO. LEADER APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 - 3 FT. FROM YOUR HOOK.

2. WHITE BAIT (SCALED SARDINE) USING A 2/0 HOOK ATTACHED TO 2 - 2 1/2 FEET OF 30 # TEST MONOFILAMENT LEADER, HOOK YOUR WHITE BAIT UNDER THE PECTORAL FIN.

3. PINFISH AND GRUNT

4. CAST YOUR BAIT AND WAIT FOR A TAP ON YOUR LINE. MOST OF THE TIME IT WON'T BE REAL HARD. WIND UP ANY SLACK. DO NOT SET THE HOOK UNTIL YOU FEEL THE FISH PULLING THE LINE UNDER THE SURFACE, THEN GIVE IT A GOOD TWITCH.

ARTIFICIAL BAITS

THERE ARE MANY ARTIFICIAL BAITS ON THE MARKET.

HARD PLASTICS

1. THE BEST TIME TO USE THESE HARD PLASTIC LURES IS IN THE EARLY MORNINGS
OR LATE AFTERNOONS.

2. TIE YOUR LURE ON A 2 1/2 - 3 FT OF 30# TEST MONO LEADER USING THE IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT.

3. CAST THE LURE AND WORK IT WITH A SLIGHT TWITCH. DO NOT SET THE HOOK UNTIL YOU FEEL THE FISH SWIMMING WITH YOUR LURE. THEN AND ONLY THEN WILL YOU SET THE HOOK. JUST GIVE IT A SLIGHT TWITCH. THE HOOKS ON THE LURE WILL DO THE REST. DO NOT SET THE HOOK LIKE YOU SEE ON T.V.

4. IF THE FISH HITS THE LURE AND MISSES THE HOOKS, DON'T JUST WIND IT IN. LET IT SIT THERE FOR A FEW SECONDS AND MORE THAN LIKELY THE FISH WILL COME BACK AFTER IT.

SOFT PLASTICS
1. CAST YOUR LURE AND JUST TWITCH THE END OF YOUR ROD. WIND UP THE SLACK AND TWITCH IT AGAIN. DOING THIS MAKES THE LURE LOOK LIKE A SHRIMP SWIMMING IN THE GRASS. MORE THAN LIKELY THE FISH WILL HIT IT ON THE FALL.

SPOONS
1. 1/4 OUNCE GOLD OR SILVER SPOONS ARE MY FAVORITE BAITS FOR SNOOK.

2. CAST THE SPOON AND RETRIEVE IT SO THAT IT IS JUST ABOVE THE GRASS.

3. WHEN THE FISH HITS AND YOU FEEL THE TUG, SET THE HOOK WITH A GOOD SNAP OF THE ROD.